

HOUSE No. 2778

By Ms. Blumer of Framingham, petition of Deborah D. Blumer for legislation to clarify enrollment eligibility of certain elderly persons for the subsidized prescription drug insurance program. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Deborah D. Blumer
Thomas M. Stanley

John W. Scibak

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 39(L) of chapter 19A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding after the words “but a person shall be eligible
3 to enroll in the program at any time within the year of reaching
4 age 65” the following:— and at any time within the year of being
5 notified by a Health Maintenance Organization Insurer that it no
6 longer has a contract to cover services with that person’s primary
7 care physician, specialist or the hospitals where the physicians
8 practice. Coverage shall be effective as of the date when the
9 HMO contract expires.